

**MELISSA CATANESE** b. 1979, Cleveland, Ohio  
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### **SHORT BIOGRAPHY**

Melissa Catanese lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is the founder of Spaces Corners, an artist-run bookshop and project space. She has been editing from a vast collection of over 20,000 photographs belonging to collector Peter J. Cohen for some years, and is the author of *Dive Dark Dream Slow* (2012), *Dangerous Women* (2013), and *Hells Hollow Fallen Monarch* (2015). Her work has been included in the Mulhouse Biennial of Photography, NoFound Photo Fair in Paris, and at institutions including Pier 24 Photography in San Francisco and Aperture Foundation in New York. Catanese has recently served as the Georgette and Richard Koopman Distinguished Chair at the University of Hartford in Connecticut, as visiting lecturer at the University of Texas in Austin, and as faculty at the Image Text initiative at Ithaca College in New York.

### **EDUCATION**

2006 MFA, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills MI  
2001 BFA, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus OH

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2009 *Fieldwork*, Sasha Wolf Gallery, NY, New York

### **SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2017 *Past, Present, Future*, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh, PA  
2015 *Secondhand*, Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco, CA  
2015 *The Photographer's Playspace*, Aperture Foundation, New York, NY  
2014 *Collective Unconscious*, UnSmoke Systems Artspace, Braddock, PA  
2013 *Six Rooms*, The Mine Factory, Pittsburgh PA  
2013 Tokyo Institute of Photography, *10x10 American Photobooks*, Tokyo Japan  
2013 Mulhouse Biennial of Photography, *Nothing Works Anymore Part 1*, La Filature Mulhouse France  
2013 Mulhouse Biennial of Photography, *Nothing Works Anymore Part 1*, Gallery T66 Freiberg Germany  
2012 NoFound Photo Fair, Next Level Projects Paris France  
2012 Paris Photo - Aperture Foundation PhotoBook Awards Shortlist, Aperture Gallery, New York NY  
2012 Paris Photo - Aperture Foundation PhotoBook Awards Shortlist, Grand Palais, Paris France  
2012 *DIY: Photographers & Books*, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland OH  
2012 *Millenium Magazines*, MoMA Library New York, NY  
2012 Slideluck Potshow, Pittsburgh PA  
2012 *Re-bound*, Sewickley Arts Initiative, Sewickley PA  
2009 *Here and There*, 709 Railroad Street, Johnstown, PA  
2008- New York Photography Festival, MoCP Satellite Show, Dumbo, NY  
2008- PCA Exchange Exhibition, Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA  
2008 Society of Photographers 6x6 exhibition, Rooke Gallery, Johannesburg South Africa  
2008 Toledo Friends of Photography National Juried Exhibition, juror Todd Hido, Toledo, OH  
2008 Joyce Elaine Grant Exhibition, Texas Woman's University, TX  
2007 Member Exhibition, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA  
2007 *The Looking Glass*, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh, PA  
2006 *RaiseUp2*, St. Petersburg, FL; ADM Gallery, LA, CA; Omy Gallery, Toronto Canada  
2006 Graduate Degree Exhibition, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI

- 2005 *Interface*, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH  
2001 *Light and Time*, Roy G. Biv Gallery, Columbus, OH

### **ARTIST'S BOOKS**

- 2018 *Voyagers*, The Ice Plant, Los Angeles CA  
2015 *Hells Hollow Fallen Monarch*, Spaces Corners, Pittsburgh PA  
2013 *Dangerous Women*, Spaces Corners, Pittsburgh PA  
2012 *Dive Dark Dream Slow*, The Ice Plant, Los Angeles CA  
2010 *Smokey Days*, Ping Pong, New York NY  
2007 *When the Bugs Come Back*, Ping Pong, Pittsburgh PA  
2006 *Stardust*, Ping Pong, Pittsburgh, PA

### **IN PRINT**

- 2016 *The Photobook Review: Spring Issue*, Aperture Foundation  
2016 *Secondhand* exhibition catalog, Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco, CA  
2015 *CONVERSATIONS: Secondhand*, exhibition interviews, Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco, CA  
2015 In the air tonight, Photofile Vol. 97: the photobook issue, Australian Centre for Photography, Melbourne, Australia  
2015 *OjodePez*, Issue 40, The New Photography, Editor, Jörg Colberg, La Fabrica Barcelona, Spain  
2014 *The Photographer's Playbook*, Aperture Foundation  
2012 *The Photobook Review: Fall Issue*, Aperture Foundation  
2012 *Garden*, 0-100 Editions, A2 Series, Milan Italy  
2011 0-100 Editions, Spring Issue 2011, Milan Italy  
2008 *The Collector's Guide to Emerging Art Photography*, Humble Arts Foundation, NY  
2008 group show #22, Humble Arts Foundation, NY, NY  
2008 *Bailliwik*, Issue 4 thru 6, Chicago, IL  
2007 *Paper Placemats (ATL)*, J&L Books (Brooklyn), Atlanta GA  
2006 tiny vices, Various 13, NY, NY  
2006 *RaiseUp* Vol. 1 & Vol. 2, Los Angeles, CA  
2006 *From Here on Out*, Bloomfield Hills, MI

### **COLLECTIONS**

- Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco CA  
The Cleveland Museum of Art Library, Cleveland OH  
Museum of Modern Art Library, New York NY  
Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL  
The Indy Photobook Library (iPL), Washington D.C.  
Cranbrook Academy of Art Library, Bloomfield Hills MI  
Private collection of Peter J. Cohen, New York NY  
Private collection of Dennison W. Griffith, Columbus OH

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2015 Foam Paul Huf Award nomination  
2012 Paris Photo - Aperture Foundation PhotoBook Awards, Shortlisted  
2012 Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, Artist Opportunity Grant recipient  
2011 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, PPA Project Stream 2011-2012 grant recipient  
2011 People's Choice Nominee, Blurb Photography Book Now competition  
2009 Honorable Mention, Blurb Photography Book Now competition

2008 Honorable Mention, Juror Todd Hido, Toledo FOP, National Juried Exhibition

### **PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND TEACHING**

2017 Visiting professor, Point Park University, School of Communications, Pittsburgh, PA  
2017 Visiting professor, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Art & Art History, Austin TX  
2017-16 Visiting faculty, Image Text Ithaca MFA at Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY  
2014-16 Guest lecturer and critic, University of Hartford MFA, Hartford, CT  
2016 Guest Lecturer, Alec Soth's Winnebago Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA  
2016 Guest Lecturer, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
2016 Guest Lecturer, Emmanuel College, Boston, MA  
2016 Guest Lecturer, Emerson College, Boston, MA  
2016 The Georgette and Richard Koopman Distinguished Chair, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT  
2015 Guest Lecturer, Robert Morris University, Moon, PA  
2015 Guest Lecturer, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
2014 Guest Lecturer, *Exposures*, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati OH  
2014 *Building The Photobook* (workshop), Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh PA  
2014 Guest lecturer, *Opening The Photobook*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh PA  
2014 Guest Lecturer, Philadelphia Photo Arts Center, Philadelphia PA  
2013 Guest Lecturer, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY  
2012 Panelist, *The Art of the Photobook*, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland OH  
2012 Guest Lecturer, Ithaca College, Ithaca NY  
2012 Guest Lecturer, *Opening the Photobook*, Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Pittsburgh PA  
2008 Panelist, *Underexposed: Self-Publishing Your Photobook*, Transformer Gallery, Wash D.C.  
2007/06 Adjunct Photography Instructor, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
2006 Photography Instructor, Cranbrook Summer Art Institute, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
2002 Adjunct Photography Instructor, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH

### **CURATORIAL**

2017 *Silver Eye Fellowship 2018 Publication Prize*, Pittsburgh PA  
2016 *Spaces Corners at ICP Museum*, 250 Bowery, New York NY  
2016 *Paper Movies*, Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, Hartford CT  
2016 *All We Are*, Pratt Photography BFA exhibition, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, NY  
2014 *The Sandbox: At Play with the Photobook*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh PA

### **PHOTO EDITING**

2016 *Fate Shifts Shapes*, works by by Nicholas Muellner, Anzhelina Polonskaya, Sasha Rudensky & Clemens von Wedemeyer, Spaces Corners & Philadelphia Photo Arts Center, PA  
2016 *All We Are*, Pratt Institute Photography BFA catalog, Brooklyn NY  
2015 *April Flowers* photos by Ricardo Cases, Ed Panar, & Mike Slack, Spaces Corners, Pittsburgh, PA  
2015 *A People's History of Pittsburgh*, Spaces Corners & Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA  
2014 *Again and again*, photos by Peter Hoffman, self-published, Chicago, IL  
2013 *Notes From the Foundry*, Spaces Corners, Pittsburgh, PA

### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

2011-present Founder, Spaces Corners photography book shop and project space, Pittsburgh PA  
2012-present North American Representative, MACK, London